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Winnie Mandela: Visits Newark for Pre-Kwanzaa Fest

To deliver keynote address at Seventh Annual Festival

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

Words that are delivered with heartfelt meaning can go a long way — absolutely moving. Words written in 1986 by Fredrica Bay, executive director of Women In Support of the Million-Man March went all the way to South Africa. A letter fashioned by Bay and delivered by Delany Davis, founder of Black Corps Against Police Abuse, the letter will be the centerpiece of Winnie Mandela's visit to Newark, which will come full circle when "the mother of the

South African struggle" arrives in Newark on December 17-18, as the keynote speaker of the Pre-Kwanzaa Festival to be held at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Davis was a part of the first black law enforcement delegation to travel to South Africa from the United States, and was given specific instructions by Bay, who has referred to as his "spiritual mother."

"Fredrica Bay insisted I hand Winnie Mandela this letter," said Davis. "I drove two hours to deliver this letter to Soweto, but she was not at home so I slipped it under

neath the door."

It's obvious by Mandela's acceptance to join the Pre-Kwanzaa celebration that the letter made an impressionable statement.

"We want to have her here because we want the world to know how much we love and respect her," said Bay. "The black woman is always the one that's been maligned," referencing the scandalous manner in which Mandela has been portrayed by the media, since being divorced from Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa. "We want to embrace her and roll out the red carpet and place rose petals at her feet to walk on, to

show how much we appreciate her being the mother of the struggle for freedom, justice and equality in South Africa."

The WISOMMM Mansion will be the host site for the reception being held in Mandela's honor on December 17 at 6 p.m. culminating into the Pre-Kwanzaa Festival, which besides the bevy of activities and entertainment will showcase a celebrated line up of speakers and guests: Activist Dick Gregory, Dr. Tyrone Powers author of "Eyes To My Soul," actress, rapper and talk show hostess Queen Latifah, Martin Luther King, III, Ben Clarence Mitchell, IV of Baltimore; scholar Dr. Leonard

Jeffries; activist Rev. Al Sharpton; Nia Force director Ras Baraka; Brenda Scott, an anti-racist woman; City of Detroit Naught By Nature and a possible appearance by First Lady Hillary Clinton. The festivities will start at 4 p.m. There will be African drummers and dancers, along with a children's village, vendors and a buffet.

Mandela, who is President of the African National Council Women's League address, will center on "Freedom for Africans in America Begins with the Struggle for Liberation and Africa." For more information about the event telephone (973) 297-1275.



Fredrica Bay, executive director of WISOMMM

Randall Robinson to speak at GSABJ Awards

TransAfrica founder to address journalists and community figures about reparations

NEWARK — Noted Human Rights activist Randall Robinson will bring his compassionate and unrelenting advocacy on behalf of racial justice to the Garden State where he will be the keynote speaker at the Garden Randall Robinson State Association of Black Journalists' Annual Awards and Scholarship Gala. The affair will be held Sunday, December 5, at 5 p.m. at Brower Commons on Rutgers' New Brunswick Campus.

Robinson has had a remarkable impact on shaping American foreign policy in African and Caribbean affairs. In 1977, he founded TransAfrica, the first organization devoted solely to raising awareness of African and Caribbean peoples.

On the verge of a new millennium and racial reality, Robinson is turning his humanitarian spotlight on the plight of Africans in America. His speech will argue America's obligations to native black, which have not been kept.

"He'll emphasize the importance of African Americans calling upon the federal government to account for the damages inflicted on us by the 200-year torture chamber that was slavery," said Hazel Ross-Robinson, who coordinates his speaking engagements. "There will be a call for reparations."

A national initiative to address the matter of reparations was introduced in the first session of the 106th Congress — H.R. 40 sponsored by Rep. John Conyers. It was explained by Lawrence Hamm, chairman of People's Organization for Progress, at a recent press conference held at the Women In Support of the Million Man March mansion that this is not a bill before Congress, but rather H.R. 40 is a study to examine the effect slavery had on black people in regard to their second-class citizenship.

"It's about repairing the situation," said Hamm. "Slavery and the slave trade was one of the most horrific episodes of all these years. In 1860 the largest capital was slaves. An important strategic goal is to get the bill (study) passed." Hamm estimated that African Americans are owed over \$700 trillion. He expressed many black people are unaware of H.R. 40. P.O.P. is planning strategy to take the message to the streets.

Staff writer Gilda Rogers contributed to this story.

Part 1 Affordable Housing in Jersey City, myth or reality?



The Curries Woods townhouses development off Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City lies very near the Hudson County city's border with Bayonne.

By Gloria Dulian-Wilson
Staff Writer

Where has all the affordable housing gone in Jersey City and Hudson County? This was the question under consideration by a panel of experts assembled at New Jersey City University's Gothic Lounge in Hephurn Hall. Assembled before a relatively small audience, comprised of a hand full of students and individuals hoping to provide some answers.

The event, hosted by Daniel Wiley, assistant director, Academic Advising and Testing, featured panelists Bob Pickett, Esq., co-host of WRKS (KISS)-FM public affairs program The Open Line; Annmarie Uebbing, director of Public Housing, Economic Development and Commerce; Maria Maia, deputy executive director of Development and Assisted Housing; Richard Anderson, Ph.D., NJCUC Department of Economics; William Braker, Freeholder, Chairman Hudson County Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and Raul Mercero, chairperson, Public Relations Committee, Jersey City Affordable Housing Coalition.

According to radio talk show host, Bob Pickett, most of the funds for affordable housing has been re-allocated to build up the suburbs, followed closely by

funds for education, leaving inner cities stripped of the funds necessary to provide for their own communities. Industrial and commercial business began building more and more facilities in suburban and rural areas, further draining the urban areas, resulting in a loss of 60 percent of the viable population, who, of course followed the opportunities.

Pickett cited the civil rights suit brought against Mt. Laurel by the NAACP, during which the discriminatory practice of building specific types of home that precluded African American and minorities from living there. However, little, if anything is done to enforce the law in reference to the properties currently being developed on the so called "Gold Coast," along the Hudson. Priced in the range of \$250,000 to \$2.5 million, these homes are definitely out of reach for a segment of Jersey City's working population.

Additionally, according to Ms. Uebbing, "There is no requirement for those developers. The abatement has been given and there is nothing in the contracts for them to provide affordable housing. In lieu of providing affordable housing, the developers have designated portion of their profits toward recreational development instead. In February our office

received \$99,000 from UrbCorp as part of their contribution for affordable housing. We will receive \$2 million this year, but those funds have been earmarked also for recreational services."

When asked what the term "recreational services" meant, Uebbing remarked: "Each department had their own definition of recreational services," so she was not at liberty to say how the funds would ultimately be used.

William Braker, Freeholder, Chairman Hudson County Affordable Housing Trust Fund stated, "Government needs to say that it's not in the people's interest that people should have to spend more than 30 percent of their income and not have a decent home. This is the richest country in the world. We can and must do better than that. We should also work harder in terms of the city to attract the types of jobs that pay affordable housing seekers. And I'm not simply talking about the 'Gold Coast,' but jobs in the inner city, where affordable housing seems to have suffered the most. We're quite proud of what we've done in the city for affordable housing; but we need help and that help has to come from Jersey City."

Editors Note: This is a two-part series which will explore affordable housing.

Clement Price of Rutgers Newark Named Case Professor of The Year

NEWARK — The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named Rutgers-Newark history Professor Clement Price of the 1999 New Jersey Professor of the Year. The award was established in 1981 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), an international organization which works in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation and various higher education associations in its administration.

The selection of Price, a long-time resident of Newark and a 30-year faculty member at Rutgers, followed an extensive review and judging process. The award recognizes a professor's impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contribution to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.

"Since joining our faculty, Professor Price has profoundly influenced generations of history students while playing a central role in advancing our campus, Rutgers and the University, and the revitalization of Newark," said Steven Diner, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. "I am delighted to see him gain this national recognition, which is so richly deserved."

Price, a celebrated historian of New Jersey, is chairman of the Department of African American Studies at Rutgers-Newark, and teaches classes in African American history, U.S. urban history, and the history of New Jersey. In addition, he has taught a course on the history of Newark for 15 years. It was one of the first courses offered by the university that dealt with New Jersey history, and he introduced it at a time when most people knew little of Newark's past. In 1996, he initiated the Rutgers-Newark Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, applying his

Professor Clement Price, Ph.D.

scholarly interest in race and ethnicity to public understanding of American culture. Price received a B.A. and a master's in history from the University of Bridgeport and a Ph.D. in history from Rutgers.

Each semester students look forward to Price's tour of Newark, a popular component of his Newark history class. As a 15-year resident of the city, he's adapted the tour to reflect the dramatic changes within the city.

"When I began giving the tour 15 years ago, it focused on the devastation wrought on Newark by the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries," said Price. "Recently, I've planned to say that I've added on the tour the extraordinary changes in the city such as improved housing and low and moderate income families, better land use policies and, of course, the construction of NJPAC."

In addition to his work as a scholar and teacher, Price has been involved in numerous statewide and Newark community endeavors. Most recently, he was appointed by Christine Todd Whitman to the New Jersey State Advisory Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island. In addition, he serves as consulting historian for The Civil Rights Garden at the Carnegie Library in Atlantic City.

Black, Latino and Democratic coalition leaders protest Essex County's layoff of 227 workers

NEWARK — A coalition of NAACP, legislative and Baptist leaders have joined Democratic and union members in condemning the layoff of 227 workers by Essex County. The layoff of 227 employees whose jobs will end on New Year's Day.

Leaders joined to "lend our support to the Essex County Civil Service Workers, their families, and the other supporting groups who stand united today to state our dismay at the proposed layoffs suggested by some of our County Leaders." Rev. L. Ronald Durham, moderator of the association.

It is a sad and good time to face a possible layoff, from one's employment, but it is especially

hard to face in light of this holiday season which is upon us. At a time when families should be gathering around the table to give thanks to God for all of His goodness, these families must gather to determine how they are going to continue on with the loss of their income."

Leaders questioned that every option had been explored, he said, "especially since the county government is sending an unused surplus of \$4.5 million back to the state. Certainly it seems reasonable to say that some, if not all of the surplus could have been used to pay the salaries of these loyal workers," Durham said.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

MORRISTOWN — The Morris Museum presents the musical "Forever Plaid." 8 p.m. (973) 538-8069.

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Museum of Art hosts an art exhibit on the Christmas Tree and Neapolitan Baroque Creche. Call (212) 472-2764 for information.

NEW YORK — The Lesbian and Gay Community Service Center commemorates World AIDS Day with The Sounds of Life at The Center. 7 p.m. (212) 620-7310.

NEWARK — The Greater Newark Conservancy hosts the grand opening of "The Endless Garden" at JFK School. 10 a.m. (973) 642-4646.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Haycraft AIDS Foundation hosts a free legal information workshop at the New Jersey Legal Center. 9 a.m. (609) 955-1240.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Center for African Studies at Rutgers University presents speaker Tissa Dangaram discussing African Women at the school's Douglas College Student Center, part of the African Women Lecture Series. 5 p.m. (732) 247-0700.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

FREEHOLD — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a single function at the American Hotel. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

WAYNE — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a single function at Wayne Manor. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

PRINCETON — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Princeton Country Club. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

NEWARK — The Newark Public Library hosts a holiday magic show with magician Bob Conrad at the library's Roselle Ave. branch. 10:30 a.m. (973) 733-7700.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts family workshop for the holidays. Call (973) 596-6638 for information.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The 19th Annual Holiday Craft Fair returns to First

Baptist Church. 9 a.m. (908) 754-2386.

IRVINGTON — People's Organization for Progress (POP) held a rally for Max Baile at the Irvington Police Station. 12 p.m. (973) 645-7711.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

ISELIN — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Woodbridge Hilton. 8 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Museum of American Hungarian Foundation hosts the 11th Annual Festival of Trees. 2 p.m. (732) 848-5777.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts a holiday family activity event titled "Home For The Holidays." Call (973) 596-6638 for information.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

NEWARK — Essex County College offers last minute holiday shopping at "Christmas Shop" through December 10. 10 a.m. (973) 877-3028.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on domestic violence at the New Jersey Law Center. 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Museum hosts an art exhibit of images of the Dominican Republic featuring artist Freddy Rodriguez. 5:30 p.m. (201) 547-5504.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on automobile insurance. (732) 937-7518.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a public seminar on long term health care at the New Jersey Law Center. 1 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWARK — The Newark Public Library hosts a discussion on the steps of becoming a doctor, part of the library's Community Health Information Project (CHIP) program. The event takes place at the library's Springfield branch. 3:30 p.m. (973) 733-7798.

Corzine family welcomes UNCF and helps students



SUMMIT — Senate Candidate Jon Corzine and his wife Joanne hosted a recent United Negro College Fund (UNCF) fundraiser at their Summit home, a reception that raised approximately \$60,000 for the College Fund's higher education program. Pictured here are (left to right) Jon Corzine; Valerie Cole-Davis, assistant director for UNCF; Jon Joanne Corzine; Arnold Harman and Ron Page, executive director for UNCF. Other guests included Newark Mayor State Sen. Sharpe James and Irvington Mayor Sara Boaf.

Photo by Glen Frieson

North Bergen area students visit New Jersey City University



JERSEY CITY — At a recent open house on the campus of New Jersey City University (NJCU), Barbara Johnson-Young (right), assistant director of admissions for NJCU, greeted North Bergen residents Kristin Danichise (left), a senior at North Bergen High School, and her mother, Tina Danichise (center left); Cindy Junior (second from right), a senior at North Bergen High School, and her mother, Vivian Junior (center right); and NJCU alumnus, who included Jesse Forbes, a junior at North Bergen High School. NJCU's day-long program featured information sessions on academics and non academic programs and campus tours.

Mayor proclaims week of education in organ donation



PERTH AMBOY — Pledging his support for efforts to increase organ and tissue donation awareness within the minority communities, Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vase (second left) recently proclaimed "Minority Organ and Tissue Donor Education Week" in the City of Perth Amboy. The mayor presented a proclamation to Joan Lacey (second right), director of public affairs for the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network. Also on hand is Lyndia Trinidad (right) executive director of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development and liver transplant recipient Krispy Park.

UCC honors Wakefern Foods during Seventh Annual Gala



CRANFORD — Looking over materials at the Union County College Foundation Seventh Annual Gala are (left to right) Ernest C. Bell, vice president of human resources for Wakefern Foods Corporation; Margaret Neasey, director of public service at Elizabeth Water Company and chair of the Gala Ad Journal Committee; and Jerome Krueger, Esq. of Linden, Ad Journal Committee member. The gala honored Wakefern Food Corporation for its outstanding support of the college and its programs.

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FEDERAL RULE TO
ENFORCE HEALTH
COVERAGE IN CHILD
SUPPORT ORDERS

(NHPA) — Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala recently announced a proposed rule to make it easier for children to get health insurance coverage through their non-custodial parents. Through provisions in the 1998 Child Support Performance and Incentives Act, the regulation creates a standard form to enforce child support agreements that require non-custodial parents to provide for their children's health care needs.

Published in the Federal Register, the regulation also establishes a standardized National Medical Support Notice, which makes it simpler and easier for employers to enforce medical support orders on non-custodial parents to include their children in their employer-sponsored health plans.

In developing the National Medical Support Notice proposal, the departments were assisted by a working group established to identify impediments to medical child support enforcement. Shalala and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman announced the formation of the National Medical Support Working Group in March. The group is studying measures that would establish a non-custodial parent's responsibility to share the cost of premiums, co-payments, deductibles and payments for services not covered under the child's existing health coverage. Members of the group include representatives from state child support and Medicaid agencies, employers, insurers, and state and federal courts. A report will be submitted to both secretaries in early 2000.

NAACP RECEIVES
\$500,000 CHALLENGE
GRANT FROM BELL
ATLANTIC

(NHPA) — The Bell Atlantic Foundation has pledged \$500,000 to the NAACP to improve the organization's Internet-based communications system.

"This will enable the network of 2,200 branches, units and chapters across the United States to more efficiently communicate."

"Effective communication, as well as efficient data management and maintenance, is critical in helping the NAACP carry out its core mission," said NAACP President Kweisi Mfume. The challenge grant "will help ensure the successful implementation of a communication network structure that will help us better communicate with our units and enhance the organization's reach with all minority-interested non-profit groups."

Foundation President Suzanne A. DuBoise said, "We at Bell Atlantic are committed to helping organizations like the NAACP use the Internet to promote racial and ethnic tolerance and understanding."

"By extending the power of the Internet to its vast network of affiliates and making more effective use of information technology, the NAACP will take a big step toward bringing more people into the digital future."

POLL SHOWS STRONG
ANTI-IMMIGRANT MOOD
IN FLORIDA

MIAMI (IPS) — "Floridians' welcome mat is wearing out," read a recent headline in the Miami Herald, the state's largest and most influential newspaper.

The paper was reporting on a survey conducted in collaboration with its sister publication, The St. Petersburg Times, on attitudes toward immigration and related matters such as the federal policy on Cuban refugees.

The poll found statewide support of 58 percent for cuts on legal immigration and even greater support for the federal government to do more to stop illegal immigration.

According to the article, respondents felt that Florida, one of six states where the bulk of immigrants tend to settle, bore more than its fair share of the cost of absorbing newcomers.

While the anti-immigrant mood was strongest among white non-Hispanics, the paper said, the poll indicated that none of Florida's three major ethnic groups — Whites, Hispanics and Blacks — were "enthusiastic over the level of legal immigration into the country."

Rev. Jackson discusses
leadership at Morehouse



The Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ingird Saunders, vice president of Corporate Affairs for the Coca-Cola Company (center) recently met with Morehouse College campus leaders Shaun King, student government president (far left) and J.C. Love, student government vice president (far right) at a reception prior to Rev. Jackson's lecture at the college's Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel. Joining them are Dr. Walter Massey, president of Morehouse College, and his wife Shirley Massey. Rev. Jackson's remarks, "Leadership Strategies for International Diplomacy and Negotiation," contributed to the Coca-Cola Leadership Lecture Series.

NAACP wants state-funded
SAT prep tests for minorities

By Tessie Borden

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Concerned that pivotal SAT tests are derailing minorities from college, the NAACP has proposed state-funded test preparation classes for students of color while also advocating that the tests be changed.

The group's national council voted this week to adopt a two-pronged policy. The NAACP will advocate for the additional preparation while it works to change the tests with the College Board, the Ewing, N.J.-based group that administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

"As we encourage the College Board to make changes in the test, we at the same time say we want our kids to be successful under the rules of the game as they exist

today," said Jeffrey Johnson, NAACP youth councils national coordinator, at a recent press conference. "It's irresponsible to tell children to be successful but not empower them with the tools they need."

As part of the campaign's kick-off, the NAACP is also sponsoring free test preparation workshops today in eight cities: Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, Fremont, Calif., the Crenshaw area of Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia and Miami.

Johnson praised California's College Preparation Partnership Program, an initiative introduced in 1999 by state Sen. Tom Hayden to devote \$10 million to target free or low-cost test preparation classes at urban and minority students.

Bias in the SAT and the Amer-

ican College Test is reflected in drastically lower scores for black, Latino and American Indian students compared to scores for white and Asian students, said Jay Rosner, executive director of Princeton Review Foundation, one of several providers of California's test preparation classes.

The reasons for the lower scores are among the most debated issues in higher education, Rosner said. He said one is the "self-fulfilling prophecy." If an ethnic group is stereotypically expected to do worse, it does, he said.

Another reason, Rosner said, is "avoidance theory" in which minority students develop such a fear of the college entrance tests that they avoid taking them, wait until the last possible moment, or don't prepare adequately.

LaRouche loses his
Voting Rights lawsuit

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — A raging battle between the Democratic National Committee and Lyndon LaRouche's organization led to allegations that the DNC submitted a anti-civil-rights and implicitly pro-racist legal brief in 1996, ending with a call for nullification of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The legal argument was made in a hearing on the DNC's motion to dismiss a lawsuit from Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche and some Democratic voters from Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, and Arizona, before a three-judge-panel in federal district court in Washington on Aug. 16.

The suit, filed in 1996, charges that Donald Fowler, then chair of the DNC, violated the Voting Rights Act when he ordered state Democratic parties to disregard the votes of thousands of Democrats in the 1996 Democratic presidential primaries and caucuses who cast their votes for LaRouche.

Key to DNC Attorney John Keeney's argument, ironically, was an opinion authored by Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. They argued that national party rules were covered under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, but that the Act itself, among the crowning achievements of the Civil Rights movement, should be declared unconstitutional.

According to court transcripts, Mr. Keeney argued, "The dissent (Scalia/Thomas opinion) is going to put into question the constitutionality of the entire Act.... We have four justices who say the Voting Rights Act is unconstitutional to the extent that it reaches even state parties holding state party conventions in covered jurisdictions.... Your honor, what I see is four justices who are going to strike down the Voting Rights Act as unconstitutional if it's extended." LaRouche said Democratic National Committee members are very upset by what Keeney, and

some DNC officials, have done behind their backs.

In a statement released Nov. 3, LaRouche said, "Obviously it is up to both President Clinton and the relevant DNC members to effect a public repudiation of the frankly racist policy" of Keeney and the DNC. "I would expect them to do so, publicly and promptly, simply as a matter of personal honor."

The 1996 lawsuit, stemming from his failure to win the Democratic nomination in 1996 and originally filed in Aug. 1996, contained other constitutional claims. The complaint was dismissed, but the appeals court related Voting Rights issues to the U.S. District Court.

In dismissing the issue, the District Court ruled that the national party does not come under the Act, "and that the defendant state parties are not required to request preclearance of national party rules."

Peter Kaufman, deputy press secretary for the National Democratic Party, added that the party is "very concerned about any misconception that the LaRouche matter might help to reinforce," referring to the widespread notion that the Act will expire in 2007 leaving blacks with no guarantee of freedom from voting rights discrimination.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have issued clarifying statements to reassure African-Americans on that issue, he noted. "That's another misconception we'd like to clarify."

"People hear something like that, and then you have people like Lyndon LaRouche come out to exploit the situation."

NAACP Congressional Analyst Carol Kaplan added, "They can't rescind the Voting Rights Act."

LaRouche had qualified for a position on the Democratic Party ballot in several states by spring 1996. But DNC Chairman Donald L. Fowler advised all state Democratic heads that LaRouche was "not a bona fide Democrat" as shown by his beliefs "which are explicitly racist and anti-Semitic."

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If you haven't made your New Year's resolution and are still in search of one, please take this advice—adopt a kid. And I don't mean in the traditional manner, but rather make it a point to pay attention to one particular child, by nurturing and giving him/her the guidance that is lacking in many of the youth today. It's not their fault. It's not a problem here with the young but there's definitely an issue on how we relate to our children. We have to give them something to believe in. The callous nature often associated with today's young people stems from not letting them turn a blind eye and deaf ear on what's happening in their young lives. The proliferation of drugs has all but destroyed a generation. Think about it, many of the kids today have lost both of their parents to drugs in one way or the other. No mother, no father and as the scenario plays itself out, all they really have is themselves. They're lost and turned out in search of something but they don't know what's a good life by any means necessary. And as a result our society is under a violent siege. Sure, drugs is not the only culprit here, but it's accurate to state that drugs have had a detrimental effect on our kids. Suicide rates are up among young black men, while death-defying tactics run rampant among the young. Reach out and touch, help, spend time with, chastise, love and support just one. The sure guarantee here is that you'll make a difference. Bet!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open Letter to President Clinton

Recently, the United States has been involved in an effort to realize a multi-billion dollar compensation settlement for those forced to serve as slave laborers under Hitler's Nazi regime. For hundreds of years, millions of Africans were forcibly brought to this country and enslaved. Their labor, for which they were not compensated, enriched the nation. With abolition of slavery, a system of legal white supremacist segregation and discrimination was put in place that continued much of the black order's unjust economic exploitation and racial oppression of black people right into the American time. It's now time for the American government to compensate

African-American for the slave labor that millions of our people have been involved in to give courage to the millions of African-American who are suffering and the suffering and loss we have had to endure for generations due to its legacy. I call upon you to recognize the legitimate claims of African-American for reparations for the damages and criminal acts done to our people due to the institution of slavery in the United States. I call upon you to support H.R. 40, a bill sponsored by Congressman John Conyers, which would establish a commission to study reparations to African-American, and any comparable bill which may arise in the Senate.

Sincerely, Lawrence Hamm

Blacks need a "Hate-Your-Race" crime bill

By R.D. Davis

Have you ever wondered why the blacks commit crimes like murder or rape against other blacks, they will only go to prison for about two seconds before they are back on the street again? How about blacks (other than O.J.) victimize whites? They seem to always go to prison for two lifetimes. Why the discrepancy?

Well, I think I have the answer. Are you ready for this? The reason is that black-on-black crimes are not considered "hate crimes." I guess blacks must kill other blacks because they love one another. You may be saying, "that of R.D. has really gone off the deep end now." I beg to differ, my friend.

I received this "wisdom" from the leftist, secular humanistic organizations like the Anti-Defamation League and their left-wing cohorts in Congress. They believe hate crimes can only be crimes committed against others because of race, color, religion and national origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act (which has already been passed by President Bill Clinton has promised to sign into law if passed by the House of Representatives) would exempt Big Daddy Government to more effectively protect Americans from "bias crimes" by making the punishment for such crimes more severe. The intention is to send a strong message to criminals that hate crimes will not be tolerated.

If we must further muddle our criminal justice system with specific punishments doled out for attacks on particular characteristics, how about legislating a "hate-your-own-race" crime bill?

Hate-your-own-race crimes should also not be tolerated. This is the most practical option and makes the most sense. Here's the deal: if a black person commits a crime over half of the homicides committed in this country are committed by blacks and half of the victims of all homicides are also black. It does not take a rocket scientist to derive the undeniable conclusion that blacks, as well as other races, are also black. Of course, that we are not killing us with "hate" and "bias" crimes. In reality we are killing ourselves with hate-your-own-race crimes! This is assumed to argue that the KKK are not killing each other because we love each other so much.

In Washington, D.C., for example, there were 360 reported murders, 292 rapes and 7,228 assaults in 1995. There were only six reported bias-related crimes. One would be hard-pressed to argue that the KKK has made our nation's capital unlivable for black middle-class families instead of black drug dealers, gangs and anti-social criminals.

Hate-your-own-race crimes, whether directed against one person or many, are particularly heinous. They spread feelings of hurt, anxiety and fear. This crime is much more than an attack on the black man. It is an assault on the entire black race. And, for this very reason, we must send the message to black criminals who commit heinous crimes against the black race, that they will pay the price.

The preservation of the black race is at stake. Hopefully, our elected officials will collectively "feel our pain."

R.D. Davis is a radio talk show host in Huntsville, AL

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrell

In the wake of the rising African Centered Movement in America, it is important that every segment of the African Community in America begin preparing for the Kwanzaa Season. It is estimated that more than 20 million Africans in America participate in some sort of Kwanzaa activity or event.

In order for this observance to continue, parents, teachers, principals, ministers, business people, and community activists must begin preparation immediately.

The first question, that obviously should be asked in preparation for the 1999 Kwanzaa Season is: "What is Kwanzaa and why is it so important for African people in America to celebrate?"

In 1966, the Black Power explosion shook up America. The call for black power was a major soft away from the Civil Rights Movement during that era. A movement that had successfully dismantled the system of racial segregation by law in the southern region of the United States.

However, among the masses of black people in America, there was a deeper meaning to the idea of freedom, justice and equality that had not been advocated by the Civil Rights Movement. The call for "Black Power" by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Kwame Ture (a.k.a. Stokely Carmichael), and others, gave new impetus to the Black Liberation Movement in America.

When the smoke cleared from the Watts Rebellion in 1965, an organization emerged in the Los Angeles, California area, called US. Its leader was Dr. Maulana Karenga. After intense study of African cultural traditions, Dr. Karenga and the US Organization established the nationally celebrated, indigenous, non-heretic Black Holiday in the United States and they called it Kwanzaa.

The first question that was established for Africans in America and was derived from the African custom of celebrating the harvest season.

Dr. Karenga's own words he says, "The origin of Kwanzaa on the African continent are in the agricultural celebrations called the first

fruits' celebrations and to a lesser degree the celebration of the general harvest celebration. It is from these first fruit celebrations that Kwanzaa gets its name which comes from the Swahili phrase 'Matunda Ya Kwanza'.

Further, Matunda means fruits and ya, so Kwanzaa means 'The extra 'a' at the end of Kwanzaa has become convention as a result of a particular history.'

Kwanzaa is officially celebrated December 26th to January 1st and each day a value of the 'Nguzo Saba' (seven principles of blackness) is celebrated. The Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles)

Kwanzaa is a step in helping African people in America fulfill the desire to be a united people, with a common set of experiences that lead us toward a common set of goals and objectives for freedom, independence and liberation.

are.

Umcoja - Unity
To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Kujichagulia - Self Determination
To define ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves, instead of being defined, named, created for, and spoken for by others.

Ujima - Collective work and Responsibility
To build and maintain our community together, to make our sisters and brothers problems our problems, and to solve them together.

Ujamaa - Cooperative Economics
To build and maintain our own stores,

Can you go home again?

By E. LeMay Lathan

I've always heard "you can never go home again." Up until now, I assumed it meant changes would make your old home unrecognizable. That's what I thought until I recently made my own pilgrimage back home to Jackson, Mississippi.

My five brothers and I made a surprise visit to my parents' home in Jackson, Mississippi. The surprise family reunion was fantastic. My Dad enjoyed our company and my Mom, cooked and cooked (and we ate as usual). A great time was had by all.

That is, until my Mom and I made the trip back to Jackson, where I was born and grew up.

Five hours' painfully drained from my life on the drive from Florence to Jackson as I saw the devastation and poverty that still exists there. I drove my Mom through Jackson and I'd never lived there. All of our haunts were still there, but places that were falling down and out of business 23 years ago were in the same condition.

Alone, the city had changed. What little had changed had changed for the worse. Houses and duplexes were boarded up and abandoned. The buildings were burned out and left to rot. Stores I shopped at when I was small were still there, but the names were changed. The piece-together houses where I was born and raised was still there. It had been painted and shutters were added, but it was the same old city.

We lived in poverty and dire straits in Jackson. Things haven't changed there. We could be in 1966 again, with me only ten years old and playing in the streets. The only change to this part of town was that it may now be worse.

I'd never been able to comprehend the devastating effects of poverty until I saw my old hometown. It totally destroyed the memories and dreams of my childhood. Was this the same place where I grew up? Had I played in these streets and gone to these stores and schools? Had I remembered differently because those were my memories and, until my teenage years, I had nothing to compare it to? It never seemed as dirty and trash-infested as I remembered. We were poor then, but poor never meant dirty and trashy.

My old neighborhood is within walking distance of the state capital building. You can walk to the governor's mansion in 15 minutes. This area is not being sited for redevelopment, or at least a clean-up. It seems totally for-

gotten, as if the people there don't exist.

How can this cycle of poverty be broken? For one thing, there are very few examples of black success to show kids. And most success stories are far away and not looking to come to Jackson anytime soon.

We drove by houses with people cooling off in their porches with trash littering the streets and sidewalks. This was mid-morning. Young brothers in their early to late twenties were in a hurry to be nowhere fast. It's hard to get those scenes out of my head to remember these people caught in this web of poverty. Do they know nothing else? I knew nothing else at the time. That was my reason for being there. Since I was being reared by my great-grandmother at an old home, I had no choice.

I assume these young men still have the chance and opportunity to seek employment else where and get away from the ghetto and the lifestyle to which they unfortunately seem accustomed.

I think back to the path I was being led down before I left that area. As young kids, my friends and I talked about the adults and how they lived and how we'd never live that way. We planned to work on our own to do something with ourselves. But I guess the messages never reached this generation because they are still stuck in the same lifestyle I grew up with in the 1960s.

I wanted to pack up as many people as I could and drive them away from here. I wanted to show them there was something else in the world for them. I wanted to give them a sense of self-worth and worth and make them want to strive for something. I wanted to tell them about the opportunities in the world, and show them their lives had a difference around the country. I wanted to make them want to become something.

Now, as I drive around my current hometown of Vancouver, Washington, I see the many opportunity programs to point kids towards success. But I still see these opportunities being wasted. If the young brothers trapped in Jackson, Mississippi had access to them, would their lives be any different? Is that the real devastation for that area? Had I never left there, would that have been my destiny as well? I think the statement "you never go home" is very true. To me, it now makes perfect sense.

E. LeMay Lathan is an author

If we'd all just listened to our mothers

By Yolanda Young

My good friend, Gus Johnson, listened to his mother and landed the career of a lifetime. He was supposed to be on his way to law school with the rest of the students at Howard University, but a conversation with his mother changed all that. The summer before his senior year, Gus Johnson, whatever. According to Gus, "I was participating in the Boys Club's mentoring program. I spent a day with a lawyer, and at the end of the day, I knew I didn't want to be a lawyer."

After confiding this to his mother, she offered some words of wisdom that have stayed with Gus to this day. "My mom said, 'Son, whatever you do, make sure it's something that you jump out the bed in the morning to do, and if you had to, you'd do it for free.' That was the defining moment of my life because it got me thinking in an entirely different way."

Instead of filling his days with the horrors of law school bills, Gus gets to live out an extension of his childhood. As a sports commentator and play-by-play announcer for CBS Sports, Johnson's days are filled with the excitement and euphoria that could only come from watching NFL, Football, March Madness, or the Olympics. Gus always loved sports. On his high school basketball team jersey, he wore home-town great Isaiah Thomas' number 11. "My dad (Augustine Johnson) used to lay the floor at Cobo Hall in the Detroit Pistons. He was a facilities worker, so I got a chance to when I was a kid to go down there." Gus is an all-state basketball player at University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Gus dreamt of being Lou Whitaker, the great second baseman for the Detroit Tigers, and was still hopeful of a career as a professional athlete when he entered Howard University on a full athletic scholarship. Those years were quickly over as "My problem was that I was the

slowest black man on earth."

Gus knew that he needed a fall back, and just assumed that it would be in politics or law, but after that conversation with his mother, Gus went back to Howard on a mission. To find that he'd do for free. He interned at Howard University's radio and television stations and after numerous dead ends, got his break with KZZZ in Waco, TX.

Gus counts the Olympics and meeting Bryant Gumbel as the biggest things to happen to him so far. To see his collection of athletes that aren't getting paid, competing in these obscure sports in the Winter Olympics. To see the stars and love they have for what they're doing. Not only because it's their sport but also because they're representing their country.

To see the drama that unfolds and to be apart of that and be the voice that broadcasts those stories was the highlight of not only my career, but my life.

Gus can't help but smile recalling his first meeting with Gumbel while reflecting on a childhood memory of him. "I'd never met him before. We took a picture together. He showed me pictures of his kids. I was shaking because he was the first black person I saw on television (commentating). It was 1979 when Magic Johnson played against Larry Bird - Indiana State against Michigan State in the national championship game."

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

NEWARK — U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) hosts a seminar on financial and technical assistance for small business at the New Brunswick offices, 9 a.m. (973) 645-2434.

PATERSON — Real Estate Forum at City Hall. Local brokers invited to learn of special loan programs, city-owned property, help dealing with banks, and other assistance offered by economic development officials. 9 a.m. Call Wendy Santiago at (973) 270-9800 to reserve space.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

ISLIN — The New Jersey's Business Industry Association (NJBA) hosts its public policy forum at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, 8 a.m. (609) 363-7707.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on financing long term health care at the New Jersey Legal Center, 7 p.m. (732) 249-5000.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on financing long term health care at the New Jersey Legal Center, 1 p.m. (732) 249-5000.

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation offers two workshops on Internet marketing and business operations and Internet security, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (908) 527-1165.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWARK — The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) hosts a seminar on financial and technical assistance for small business at their Wayne offices, 9 a.m. (973) 645-2434.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

CRANFORD — Union County College offers a course in effective communications in business.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

NEWARK — Rutgers University Small Business Development Center hosts a small business tax workshop at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, 9 a.m. (973) 645-6690.

First Union awards \$200,000 to City National Bank's CDC

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

NEWARK — The First Union Regional Foundation's board of directors has awarded a \$200,000 grant to City National Urban Development Corp. (CNUDC). Established by City National Bank to revitalize inner-city neighborhoods and connect residents to the economic opportunities available with proper financing, the CNUDC considered the grant a key resource for its early stage of growth.

"Our mission is to really do fair lending," said City National Bank President Louis Prezaux. "The reason for the CNUDC's formation is actually to take a little more risk than we would otherwise be able to afford."

"They still must be good loans," he said. "But it might be easier to lend money for start-ups if they have really good qualifications. Because of regulations, some companies might not be bankable but yet they might fit into an urban development corporation's portfolio."

He said the bank's relationship



Celebrating at City Hall, from left: First Union Atlantic President Bob Reid, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, foundation President and bank Senior VP David Newell, City National Urban Development Corp. Director Julian Marsh, City National Bank President Louis Prezaux, CNUDC Chairman Robert Holmes, First Union Regional President Pam Lollie, and First Union Atlantic General Bank President Jim Fitzgerald.

ship with First Union started about a year-and-a-half ago.

The objective of the new community development corporation is to be a catalyst, said Executive Director Julian Marsh. "There are many organizations striving to improve the conditions of our communities. Our affiliation with

First Union, one of the more urban-oriented financial institutions in this state, enables CNUDC to direct its resources toward efforts to improve and upgrade the under-served communities within our market area."

In the recollection of Prezaux and others, the spark of late First Union senior vice president Jerry Greco hung over the celebration in Newark city hall's rotunda.

"The idea was the brainchild of Louis Prezaux and Jerome Greco, Marsh said."

"We are proud to collaborate with New Jersey's only black-owned bank and even the only minority-owned bank," said First Union Atlantic President Bob Reid. "We have worked cooperatively before, and this is a meaningful extension of our existing relationship."

City National's commitment mirrors that of First National, said Reid, who heads operations in the Tri-State area.

"This bank has reached out to assist Newark," said Mayor Sharpe James. "It's a good community bank. There are all kinds of local needs a big bank cannot do. But a local bank unless it has other drivers either — a bank will help them."

City National, which provides a full range of financial services to business and individuals, is one of the largest minority-owned banks in the United States. The \$1.5-billion per Regional Bank has granted some \$3 million in New Jersey projects addressing community development needs, including more than \$500,000 in Newark.

The North Ward Center received \$60,000 last month and the Affordable Housing Network received \$40,000 in April, among other grants in the city.

SBA approves a record \$395.5 million in loans to NJ business owners in 1999

Loans to minority firms increase by 11 percent

NEWARK — The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved a record \$395.5 million in government-backed loans to New Jersey small business owners during the agency's Fiscal Year 1999, the period of October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, it was announced today by SBA's New Jersey District Director, Francisco A. Marrero.

"The SBA is keeping pace with a robust economy," said Marrero. "A strong second half has enabled us to approve a record 1,572 loans for \$395.5 million to New Jersey small business owners."

According to Marrero, the average SBA loan in 1999 was \$251,771 compared to \$231,451 in 1998. The \$395.5 million in loans represented a 10 percent increase over last year's total of \$360.3 million. The 1,572 total loans approved during 1999 represented a two-percent increase over the 1,545 loans approved in 1998. However, Marrero noted that his office made significant progress in loan approvals to minority-owned small businesses during the year.

SBA loan approvals to minority business owners were up 11 percent over last year's totals. In 1999, the SBA New Jersey District Office approved a total of 466 loans for \$105.7 million to minority firms compared to a total of 440 loans for \$101.8 million in 1998.

"The SBA has a long-term commitment to increasing lending to new markets, particularly to African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and women-owned businesses," said Marrero. "I believe the outreach efforts made to these groups are reflected in the loan approvals that were generated in 1999. We want to keep this momentum going into the new millennium and make certain that this upward trend continues."

Of the 466 SBA loans approved to minorities, African-Americans received 101 loans for \$15.5 million; Hispanic-Americans received 121 loans for \$18.8 million; and Asian-Americans received 231 loans for \$69.8 million. During 1998, African-Americans received 97 loans for \$10.9 million; Hispanic-Americans received 107 loans for \$20.2 million; and Asian-

Americans received 204 loans for \$68.8 million.

According to Marrero, women business owners received a total of 321 loans for \$56.8 million in 1999 compared to 335 loans for \$52.3 million in 1998. "Although our loan approvals to women declined by four percent, the dollar amount rose by nine percent," said Marrero. "We will be intensifying our marketing & outreach efforts to women business owners and will work closer with our lenders to promote SBA loan programs to women entrepreneurs during FY 2000."

"Our overall lending record speaks for itself," said Marrero. "The New Jersey District Office was ranked 5th in the country in overall lending out of the number of Microloans approved during the year."

"In a five year period, the SBA has provided New Jersey small business owners with 7,394 loans for \$1.6 billion," said Marrero. "Our record for economic development in the State of New Jersey is unprecedented. I will stand by our accomplishments and pledge that SBA will do more to help small businesses succeed in FY 2000."

Marrero also noted SBA's efforts to alert and provide small business owners with information about the Y2K Bug, as well as SBA Y2K Action Loans. According to Marrero, his office participated in 120 Y2K promotional events. In order to avoid future Y2K problems, Marrero is urging small business owners to utilize SBA's Website WWW.SBA.GOV/y2k so they can begin to access Y2K information and possible solutions.

"Our work and partnership with the lending community, as well as organizations like the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, 100 Black Men of New Jersey, and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey and the New Jersey Hispanic Banker's Association are pivotal to SBA's overall success in the community," said Marrero. "We will continue to forge ahead and create new partnerships with lenders, business and trade associations in order to reach out to new customers in FY 2000."



City National Bank President Louis Prezaux, left, appeared with First Union Atlantic (Tri-state area) President Robert Reid.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church rings in the holidays with their annual caroling, 7 p.m. (973) 751-0516.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

WOODBURGE — The Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission of the Barrow Arts Center presents a gospel choir concert featuring the St. James Roman Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. (732) 654-3475.

WESTFIELD — The Choral Art Society of New Jersey Inc. hosts its annual Messiah Community Sing at First Baptist Church, 8 p.m. (908) 232-2455.

Organization not to drop 'Southern' from its name

By Jennifer Coleman

SACRAMENTO (AP) — In a close vote that pitted conservative and more moderate factions of the California Southern Baptist Convention against each other, church members have decided not to drop "Southern" from their group's name.

The name-change proposal needed the support of two-thirds of the 2,000 Southern Baptists from throughout the state who were at the convention's annual meeting here. It got 60 percent support, with 40 percent opposing the measure. Supporters of the change said it would be simply a way to attract more members. Opponents feared the move would have shown a softening of a conservative movement within the church.

The name change was merely meant to prevent confusion, said Terry Barone, public relations director for the California Southern Baptist Convention. It was proposed by the convention's executive committee.

In a 20-minute debate on the proposal, other supporters said the "Southern" label fails to represent the church's many ethnic groups and amounts to poor marketing for the church. Many blacks are reluctant to join because the word "South" connotes racism.

Opponents wanted the name to stay the same for tradition's sake. There are about 16 million Southern Baptists nationwide, making the Protestant denomination second only to the Roman Catholic Church in membership.

Prayer Corner

Your Father knows what things ye have need of; Matthew: 5

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these shall be added unto you. Matthew: 33

They Kingdom come, with power and grace. To every heart of man; Thy peace, and joy, and righteousness. In all our bosoms reign.

GOD bids us, then, by past mercies, by present grace, by fears of coming ill, by hopes in His goodness, earnestly, with our whole hearts, seek Him and His righteousness, and all these things, all ye need for soul and body, peace, comfort, joy, the overflowing of His consolations, shall be added over and above to you. E. B. PUSSEY

Grant us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, always to seek Thy kingdom and righteousness, and of whatsoever Thou seest us to stand in need, mercifully grant us an abundant portion. Amen.

Be content to be a child, and let the Father proportion out daily to thee what light, what power, what exercises, what straits, what fears, what troubles, thou canst fit for thee. I. PENNINGTON

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NEWARK — The waning days of the millennium mean many marvelous things to us all. Churchman Funeral Home is very excited because it marks the 100th anniversary of the Churchman Family in the funeral service profession in Essex County. The church will hold a service of remembrance celebration on December 3. The event promises to be a memorable occasion for the Churchman Family, as well as for the families we have served and all of those who have had a part in their success.

As the family considered ways in which they could make the anniversary celebration memorable, they have established a scholarship fund. By beginning this fund in its anniversary year, they will be able to bless college bound students for many years to come. Their goal is to raise \$75,000.00 so that scholarships can be given from the interest of the fund. Funds that are raised will not be used in early year but for scholarships; they will not be used for administration, advertising or other expenses. The scholarships will be open to students who have graduated from schools



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Song broadcast opens campaign for worldwide tolerance

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON (AP) — A song promoting ethnic and religious tolerance across the globe is to be broadcast to 12 million young Americans as the start of a year-long campaign. The five-minute video of "One Song, Many Voices" stars singer-actress Vanessa Williams. It was composed by Mark Williams — no relation — whose companies promote multicultural understanding. The video is to be aired on Channel One Network, transmitted by satellite

exclusively to 12,000 schools nationwide.

A choir of 40 young people organized by Black Entertainment Television is also to sing "One Song" today on the steps of the Capitol. It was performed in New York at a lunch of the Friends of the United Nations, a private support group which has adopted the song.

The performance is part of the United Nations' "Day of International Tolerance" established in 1995 at the suggestion of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization. In Paris, Koichiro Matsuura, UNESCO's new director general, took notice in a message Monday that nongovernmental organizations were emphasizing the state in the United States. The tolerance campaign, to be led by Dorothy Heigh, civil rights activist and head of the National Council of Negro Women, will include meetings across the United States on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 17. Delegate Donna M. C. Christensen of the Virgin Islands is promoting the campaign in Congress.

POSITIVELY BLACK

Believe in black people

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"Black men must be believers in Black people (men, women and children) twenty-four hours a day and develop a lifestyle that clearly states we are not for sale." Haki R. Madhubuti

Energy follows thought. From our thinking proceeds the issues (creativity, emotions, manifestations and behaviors) of life. It is imperative that we begin to understand the dynamics at work both internally and externally that are motivating, impacting and influencing us. As men of African descent we are under relentless attack. It has been observed that Black men are an endangered species. When we view our communities we can readily see the dysfunction, frustration, lack of discipline, focus and purpose that results from a hopeless, nihilistic, self-negating and self-destructive ideology. We are in the throws of an all out war for the minds, souls and survival of our race. As men we have a moral obligation to our ancestors, ourselves and our progeny to reassert our manly responsibility for the psychological, emotional and physical protection and defense of our people.

Yes, we are the targets of a thorough genocidal assault. Yes, our ranks are being decimated daily as we succumb to the ignorance of our own divinity, our critical lack of vision, hopelessness, cowardice, racism and historical amnesia which leads to self-group-alienation, disharmony, disease and dysfunction. We are losing this war on two crucial fronts, psychological and social. Many of our people pretend not to know we are at war. They have been programmed to labor for the enrichment of our enemies and function clearly in their interests. Meanwhile a large percentage of our people have given up, lost hope and have unceremoniously internalized the self-negating and destructive messages beamed at us twenty-four seven/three sixty-five.

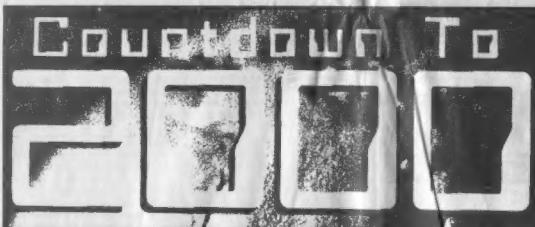
What can we do to counter this situation? The most radical and revolutionary thing we can do is love ourselves right here and now just as we are. We must, as Haki Madhubuti said, become believers in African people. We must believe in our intrinsic goodness, genius and potential. The truth is we do harbor many beliefs about African/Black people. Tragically, we believe the worst about ourselves. We believe the nega-

tive messages, images and lies Western culture concocted to cover their inferiority complex and immoral system. Nevertheless, we have the ability to redefine/reconstruct ourselves in our own image. We can use our faculty of imagination to envision ourselves as whole, sane, healthy, resilient and empowered people.

You can do that right now. Finish reading this column and sit quietly in contemplation. Go within yourself. Create a picture of yourself as you look now in our mind's eye. Make it vivid and detailed. Now create images of yourself standing and walking tall, confident and assertive. In the studio of your mind create your future. Tap into your creative unconscious. Ask your higher self, the part of you that is divine, what you were designed to do, be or create. This will take time and patience getting used to strengthening your imagination beyond fantasy and day dreams. It will take arduous work because we have been told to be modest and not think of ourselves in grandiose, healthy or blessed terms. I am advocating just the opposite.

Envision yourself as an active channel of oneness making an impact, being creative and productive for our people, community and world. What is it you were put here to do? What is it that if you lived in integrity to your life's calling or mission you would do right now? Do you know? If not, why not? If you know, ask yourself, are you doing it to the best of your ability? Do you believe you can will succeed? If not, why? If you believe you will succeed, are you acting successful now? If not, why? Do you do what successful people do? If you don't, know what successful people do, why aren't you asking the right questions to make success real in your life?

This is no joke. It requires a brand new set of values, beliefs and behaviors. We must do things differently if we want to make a different world. We must function, act and live in integrity with what we know to be our best interests. Loving one's self and believing in ourselves collectively is in everyone's best interest. Anything less is self-destructive and nihilistic. Envisioning ourselves as self-actualized co-creators with an African concept of God is in our best interests. When we do this consistently despite virulent white supremacy, everyone will know we are serious and not for sale.



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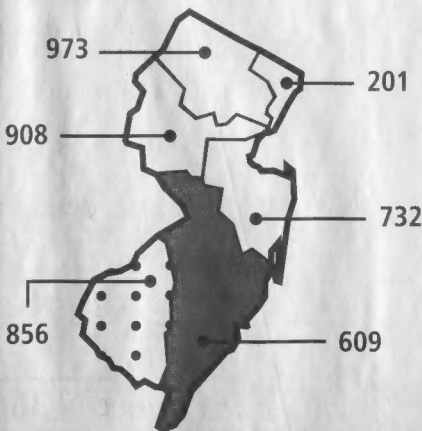


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Local Briefs

Scholarship program offers college funds and international travel to high school juniors

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Nominations are now being accepted for the EF Global Citizen Awards — a scholarship program offered by student travel operation EF Educational Tours. Based on student essays, EF will offer scholarships to twelve juniors — ten from the United States and two from Canada. Each student will receive \$1000 toward their college tuition and a ten-day expenses-paid educational tour of Europe. The Scholarship program was established to inspire students to think about their evolving roles in our increasingly global community. Applicants, who must be nominated through their schools, are asked to submit an essay describing how a personal travel experience changed them and demonstrated their "global citizen" qualities. In addition to receiving funds for college, scholarship recipients will travel together in July on an expenses-paid educational tour including London and Paris. The dual nature of the scholarship award reflects EF's belief in the importance of experiential learning and in the lasting value of global perspective. To request nomination forms, mail to Global Citizen Program, EF Education Services, One Education Street, Cambridge, MA 02141 or by e-mail: scholarships@ef.com, or on the Internet at www.efcours.com. The application is due February 15, 2000.

Assistant commissioner of early childhood education comes to Kean

UNION, NJ — New Jersey's top early childhood education official recently visited Kean University, the only college or university in New Jersey with an entire department devoted to the study of early childhood education. Margaret Reid Fairweather, who holds the newly created post of Assistant Commissioner of Early Childhood Education in the State Department of Education, attended a reception at the University's Alumni House discussing the early childhood education. Kean's Department of Early Childhood & Early Studies has 35 undergraduates and 65 graduates enrolled in the early childhood program, which covers pre-school to third grade.

Newark students "DO SOMETHING" to transform communities

NEWARK — "DO SOMETHING" team students from four schools throughout Newark recently improve their communities. The students at the Alexander Street School worked on landscaping projects with Habitat for Humanity; the students at the Belmont Runyon School will prepare bags of items for families undergoing transitions through DYFS; the students at the Cleveland School enhanced their school by painting a mural in the cafeteria; the students at the Ridge Street concentrated throughout the morning to beautify the school.

This is the second event of the school year for Newark Do Something's Community Coach Program. The "Community Coach Program" is an innovative school-based leadership and community service program that mobilizes specially-trained teachers designated as "Community Coaches" to teach students leadership skills and to help them design and implement their own service projects to improve their schools and neighborhoods.

December Coat Drive throughout NJ

HOBOKEN — Jersey Cares — a leading volunteer organization in the state — will hold its fourth annual December Coat Drive from December 1-31. The coat drive helps thousands of homeless in the Tri-State Area stay warm. Coats can be dropped off at marked boxes at most Loews Cineplex Theaters and Blockbuster Video Stores. Coats can also be dropped off from December 1 to December 14 at the Hoboken Terminal and Journal Square PATH Stations. All gently used coats will be accepted. Call Jersey Cares. (973) 644-4952.

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YWCA awards luncheon honors seven 'Women of Influence'



The YWCA of Essex and West Hudson recently honored seven women known as "Women of Influence" at its annual awards luncheon at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover. The fundraising event is an effort to maintain the outreach services this YWCA has continued to provide for 85 years, and will help them continue to provide assistance to homebound seniors, working mothers, as well as all women, girls, their families and many more. Pictured here are some of the honorees (from l-r) Dianne Martinez, account assistant; Gwendolyn Kirkland, executive director of Isaiah House in East Orange; Orange City Councilwoman Vivian Grant; Gloria Bosseman, professor at New Jersey City University and Rev. Mattie Moore.

Plainfield administrator accepts \$450k grant to improve downtown area



Thomas J. Morrison, III, (right) Acting City Administrator for the City of Plainfield accepts a \$450,000 grant from Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari.

PLAINFIELD — Recently Thomas J. Morrison, III, Acting City Administrator for the city of Plainfield, accepted a \$450,000 Downtown Grant for Plainfield from Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari. The Downtown Grant Program was one of the first initiatives that I proposed at my swearing in ceremony last January," noted Chairman Scutari. "I'm glad that this program, unique to Union County, could go from proposal to reality in

A total of five million dollars, combined, was awarded to the

communities of Plainfield, Roselle Park, Roselle, Winfield Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, New Providence, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Summit, Union and Westfield.

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Casino's affirmative action program is discriminatory

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — In a ruling with potentially widespread implications, an appeals court said a casino's affirmative action policy is discriminatory.

A three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia reinstated portions of a reverse-discrimination lawsuit filed by Karl Schurr, a stage technician at Resorts Atlantic City.

"I think it has major ramifications," said Joseph Ayala, Schurr's attorney. "It's going to make casinos reevaluate everything."

The ruling, issued recently, is the second in a week striking down affirmative action plans relating to casinos. In the other one, a judge said the state's 2000 Reinvestment Development Authority's minority business set-aside policies — which guarantee work for minority-owned businesses — were unconstitutional.

Schurr, 43, of Galloway Township, sued Resorts and the state Casino Control Commission in 1996 after a minority candidate was hired for a job that he had filled in on. Schurr,

who was what is known as a "casual employee," was hired to fill in for full-time employees when they are sick or on vacation. In 1994, Schurr was one of two candidates vying for a job as a full-time lighting and sound technician. He is white, the other candidate was black. The black man was hired because Resorts officials believed the casino commission's Equal Employment and Business Opportunity Plan required them to hire a minority, according to the opinion. Schurr continued working at Resorts but he filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which granted him the right to sue the casino commission and Resorts.

The casino commission was subsequently stricken from the case as a defendant.

"The regulations set employment goals and place administrative pressure upon casino licensees to meet these goals," Judge Carol Los Mansmann wrote in the 22-page opinion. "The challenged goal-based regulations... clearly have the practical effect of encouraging discriminatory hiring."

Changes in benefit rates for workers in New Jersey in Y2K

TRENTON — Commissioner Mel Glade of the New Jersey Department of Labor recently announced annual changes in the maximum weekly benefit rates and eligibility standards under the Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance and Workers' Compensation Programs for the year 2000.

The annual changes are required by legislation governing the operation of these programs which stipulates that maximum weekly benefit rates, eligibility standards and the taxable wage base be indexed to the statewide average weekly wage in the second preceding calendar year. The average weekly wage rose by 5.3 percent to \$757.08 in 1998 from \$719.15 in 1997.

Effective January 1, 2000, the maximum weekly benefit payable to eligible unemployment insurance claimants will increase from \$391 to \$401 and the maximum weekly benefit rate for temporary disability, permanent

partial disability, permanent partial disability, and dependency under the Workers' Compensation Law will increase from \$539 to \$568.

Under the Unemployment Insurance Program, an individual's weekly benefit amount for unemployment insurance is computed as 60 percent of earnings during the base year, subject to a maximum of 56 2/3 percent of the statewide average weekly wage. The base year normally consists of the last five completed calendar quarters preceding the filing of the claim. Optional base years that take into account more recent earnings for those who fail to qualify are also available.

In order to be eligible to receive unemployment or temporary disability benefits, a claimant must have worked at least 20 "base weeks" in covered employment in the preceding year. The amount earnings required to establish a base week will increase to \$152 as of January 1, 2000 from 1999's \$144. The base week amount is computed as 20 percent of the statewide average weekly wage.

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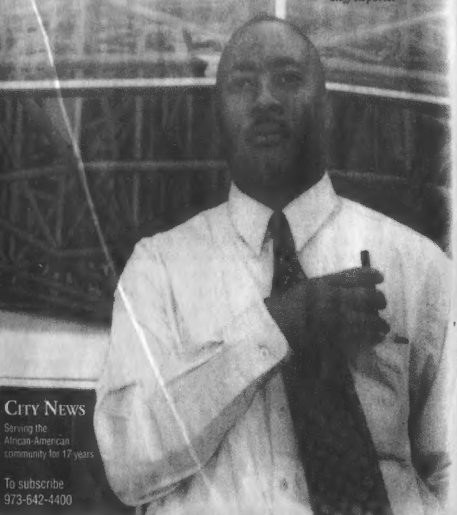
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HUD presents 'My Neighborhood' photo expose winners

Photography contest reveals talent in youth from public housing across the state

By Kelly Foster
Correspondent

In an effort to generate positive images of public housing in the general population, the US Department of Housing (HUD) and Urban Development and the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment (NAHRO) collaborated this past summer to sponsor a photography contest for young public housing. The program culminated in an awards ceremony, in which thirty winners were honored at the Newark Museum on Saturday, November 13.

Using disposable cameras, one hundred and twenty children, aged 11-17, submitted two hundred and sixty-five photographs representative of the theme "My Neighborhood". Six professional photographers from different organizations judged the thirty winning entries. The winners each received a \$100 US savings bond. All entrants received certificates of participation.

The intent of the contest was not only to raise awareness about public housing, but also to promote cultural activity, and to increase self-esteem among the children. "This event gives the public a better idea of the talent that lies in public housing," says Robert Kaplan, Community Builder at HUD, adding that people often have negative connotations of public housing. David Gardner, Executive Director of the Morristown Housing Authority agreed enthusiastically. "We have some of the most creative and bright children in New Jersey in public housing."

The program commenced at 6 p.m. in an intimate reception area of the museum, where brightly colored paintings adorned the walls and plants decorated each table as centerpieces. While guests feasted on a tasty hors d'oeuvre buffet, the Choral group Coro Municipal de Colonia rendered musical selections. Diane J. Johnson, New Jersey Coordinator of HUD, and Jack Warren, President of NAHRO, presented awards to the appreciative winners. Afterwards, guests were invited to view the photography exhibit and tour the museum galleries.

The recipients were eager to speak about their creations and future aspirations. Leah Bell took a photo of old buildings about to be demolished to usher in new townhomes. Bell thought the buildings were a symbol of new and exciting changes in her Jersey City community. Ariel Hemphill, of Jersey City, submitted a picture of a girl on a bicycle. She thought of the idea because kids in her neighborhood are constantly engaging in physical activity. In the future, Ariel would like to enroll in the Army. Chiquaan Staples, of Jersey City, took a photo of the clouds and sky. He took his photo because of the beautiful scenery, he says, but it also reminded him of death. "Everybody has to die someday," he said thoughtfully. He plans on becoming a doctor. Newark resident Wadiya Wilson's photograph showed children using poles as playground equipment. She didn't bemoan the lack of more conventional recreation equipment. "It's (swinging on the poles) the best way to have fun," she said, smiling. When asked if she'll use her savings bond for college, Wilson, who would like to be a lawyer, replied with an enthusiastic, "Definitely!"

Susan Mann, mother of Bergen County resident Jonathan Mann, expressed her approval of the program. "It's an excellent way for the kids to do something constructive for the summer. You hear such negative things about public housing, but this is a good thing. I was so excited when I got the award letter."



Wadiya Wilson from Newark was a winner in "My Neighborhood" photo contest. Her photo depicted the innovative fun of children playing on poles.

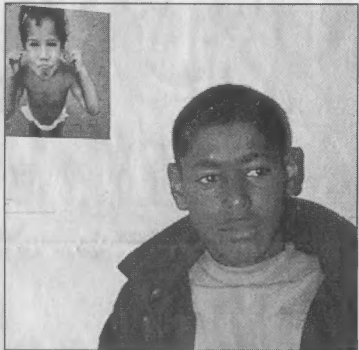
Photos by Dominic Fonseca



Admirers of the photo expose gaze at the award winning collection on display at the Newark Museum



Attendees look over program booklet at an event which proved to be rewarding for recipients and housing authorities across the state.



Representing Wildwood as a winner was Carlos Rojas, who is standing next to one of the photos on display



Coro Municipal de Colonia choral group provided all those who were in attendance with a variety of musical selections that were aimed to please

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

NEWARK — The Family Treatment Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center hosts a special World AIDS Day event entitled "A Decade of Caring Celebration." 11 a.m. (973) 926-7775.

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for parents of who have children in the "Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)." 7 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for adults with diabetes. 7:30 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for people addressed to nicotine. 5:30 p.m. (732) 937-0050.

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for people who have lost loved ones. 7 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

BELLE MEAD — The Camer Clinic hosts a discussion and workshop on adult psychiatric status of hyperactive boys grown up. 1 p.m. (908) 251-1461.

PLAINFIELD — Multienberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for people living with cancer at the Jewish Community Center. 7 p.m. (908) 668-2247.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

FANWOOD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County and Plainfield Area holds a blood drive at Plainfield Presbyterian Church. 8:30 a.m. (908) 555-2560.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County and Plainfield Area holds a blood drive at St. Bartholomew Church. 8 a.m. (908) 353-2500.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital hosts a workshop on looking and feeling better for women undergoing cancer treatment. 1 p.m. (201) 833-3186.

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for women with breast cancer. 7 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

PLAINFIELD — Union County Cancer Screening Program offers cancer screening for women 40 and over at the Plainfield Center of Planned Parenthood. 9 a.m. (908) 539-8500.

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for caregivers of cancer patients. 7 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on domestic violence at the Frank's Nursery & Crafts store. 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. 6 p.m. (201) 833-3186.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a free seminar on long-term health care at the New Jersey Law Center. 1 p.m. (732) 857-7518.

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a discussion on osteoporosis. 6 p.m. (732) 937-0011.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for women who breastfeed at Homecare America store in Somerset. 3:30 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County and Plainfield Area holds a blood drive at South Plainfield High School. 8 a.m. (908) 555-2500.

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in faithhood for new fathers. 7 p.m. (732) 321-7000.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a two-day support program for people living with cancer and their caregivers. 11 a.m. (201) 833-3186.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a course in healthy eating to a better heart. 10:30 a.m. (732) 937-8800.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

NORTH PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County and Plainfield Area holds a blood drive at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. 8 a.m. (908) 353-2500.

National Urban League: Health, educational disparities for blacks

By Paul Shepard

WASHINGTON (AP) — While unemployment among blacks is down to its lowest level in history, the rate is still about twice that of whites.

That sobering finding in the National Urban League's annual "State of Black America 1999" report issued recently sums up the basic tenet of the 247-page tome — the situation has gotten much better for America's 36 million blacks, but there is plenty of room for improvement.

"For many indicators, the health of African Americans is the best it has been in absolute terms," said William Spriggs, editor of the report. "But we are still seeing gaps [between white and blacks]."

In an essay within the report titled "The Cancer Gap: Research Needs of African Americans," author Brian D. Smedley writes that while biological factors may contribute to black men having the highest cancer rates among industrialized nations, other contributing features range from a lack of fresh, healthy foods in inner cities to the way doctors treat them. For example, studies show blacks receive less aggressive treatment from doctors compared with whites and people in urban settings are more likely to see advertising for tobacco and alcohol products which contribute to health problems.

City dwellers are also more likely to live near areas with environmental hazards such as toxic waste facilities, said Smedley, senior program officer at the Institute of Medicine.

"Socioeconomic factors alone don't explain the gaps," Smedley said.

The unemployment rate for blacks hit a record low of 7.3 percent in June. It has since increased, reaching 8.3 percent



National Urban League president and CEO Hugh Price

In October for a second straight month. The unemployment rate for whites in October was 3.8 percent. Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said, "If we aren't closing that gap, we aren't addressing the systemic problems that give rise to unemployment."

Education is another area the report points to, stating that while some improvement is taking place for blacks, the situation is far from perfect. For example, black students used to trail whites in the rate of completing high school but had narrowed to where they are nearly even. But when it comes to test scores, black children still trail their white counterparts.

National Urban League President Hugh B. Price said

urban school districts need better trained, better paid teachers to bridge the divide in test scores between white and black students will ever be bridged.

Gaps in teacher quality must be eliminated before we can move on the young people, Price said.

He said recent studies show that in New York, for example, teachers in urban schools not only had fewer certified teachers but scored lower on the state certification tests than their suburban counterparts. City school teachers also were paid 25 percent less than their suburban counterparts, he said.

"We've got to professionalize the education in this country," Price said.

The first Urban League report was published in 1974.

Newark Beth Israel hosts program for World AIDS Day

NEWARK — The Family Treatment Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center will hold a special World AIDS Day 1999 event "A Decade of Caring Celebration." On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the medical center's Danzax Auditorium. The event marks both this worldwide day of recognition and the 10th Anniversary of Newark Beth Israel's Family Treatment Center, a leading provider of care for adults and children with HIV and AIDS.

"A Decade of Caring Celebration" will include presentations by The Family Treatment Center staff, as well as discussions by a panel of medical experts on topics including "HIV Through the Decade," "The Family Focus: Maternal/Child HIV and Pediatric HIV," and "Why Does It

Take So Long The Process of Drug Development." The event is supported by a grant from Dupont Pharmaceuticals Co. and Scandipharm, Inc.

The Family Treatment Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has provided special care and treatment for individuals and families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS since 1989. The center incorporates a multidisciplinary team approach to ensure a comprehensive family-centered care environment. The staff is comprised of a highly qualified, multidisciplinary team of board certified physicians, nurses, social workers, respiratory therapists, nutritionists, psychologists, medical clerks and technicians.

For more information please call (973) 926-8004.

Plainfield Planned Parenthood to host free women cancer screening

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Center of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey (PGNNJ), in conjunction with the Union County Cancer Screening Program and the Plainfield Division of Health, will offer cancer screenings for women 40 and over on Tuesday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 123 Park Avenue, Plainfield.

The screening includes a Pap test, mammogram, blood pressure check and cancer prevention information, and will be given at no charge to Union County women over 50 without insurance.

An appointment is necessary. For further information, and to make an appointment, please call the Planned Parenthood Plainfield Center at: (908) 756-3736.

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the money contributed stays in the local community to help friends and loved ones fighting the disease today, with the remainder going toward continuing research.

Frank's will promote the effort to heighten public awareness over the next several weeks through their circulars and newspaper advertising, which will reach over 22 million people. Breast Health Informational flyers are being distributed at all the local Frank's Nursery & Crafts stores.

Nancy Brinker, founding chairperson and sister of the late Susan G. Komen, said "We

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Music Reviews



Various Artists
Essence Men (Universal Records)

Did you ever turn on the radio in your car, hear ten songs in a row, and scream "that's my song to each?" This compilation elicits that feeling with its blend of R&B, hip-hop, and classic soul artists. Many of these songs have topped the music charts and will resound memories from the past and present.

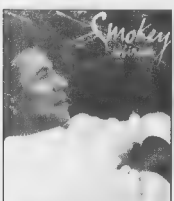
The stellar line up includes Keith Washington's "Kissing You," Kenny's "Love and Happiness," Kenny Lattimore's "For You," Jesse's "Ballad of LBJ" and D'Angelo's "Lady." Other artists on the album are the Temptations, Eric Benet, and Dru Hill.



Kenny G
Auld Lang Syne (The Millennium Mix) (Arista Records)

This single off Kenny G's forthcoming album "Faith A Holiday Album" is a heartwarming look at the major events of this century and beyond that.

Kenny G places himself as a backbone to the ordered speeches from many historic events and people. Starting with the first recording on a phonograph to the eulogy at the memorial service for the Columbine students, Kenny G ends the song with an inspirational statement by John F. Kennedy about passing the torch to the next generation. Others featured are Martin Luther King Jr. and Bill Clinton.



Smokey Robinson
Smokin' (Motown Records)

For Smokey Robinson, this album was like old times. He worked with Motown founder Berry Gordy, and the sound of this album is reminiscent of the original live ballads Robinson is known for.

Standouts singles on this album include "Just Let Me Love You" and "Feeling Flowing," which talk about pure undiluted attraction between two people. Other songs listeners will be drawn to include the Spanish ballad "Tu Besas Muy Rico."

To Aspiring Poets

City News' Arts Wednesday section seeks unpublished poets to submit their work for exposure in an upcoming special section featuring all new artists.

Sonny Rollins turns it on celebrating 50 years

Review

By Robert F. Williams III
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Before the intermission at the Sonny Rollins concert at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Nov. 20, Rollins was generous with the spotlight. But after the intermission, Rollins kept it all to himself as he showcased his 50 years of talent on the song "Why I Was Born," swaying his sax up and down and to either side like the trunk of a commanding elephant.

This was part of the mood the audience felt as they attended the concert, a celebration of Rollins' 50 years in the business. Accompanied by a three-piece rhythm section, Rollins revisited some of his greatest hits and a tribute to past legends that have influenced him and other artists.

Donned in a black lace overlay revealing a mauve satin shirt, Rollins and his band performed "Global Warming," the title track off his last album about the environment and the trouble we go through, a highly socially aware Rollins prelude.

Under the red light, the group entertained audiences with a reggae-inspired beat intertwined with conga rhythms that prompted Rollins to, at one point, play his sax one-handed with the other raising to the sky in a syncretized beat.

Rollins also performed a heartwarming tribute to Duke Ellington, a Pulitzer Prize-winning composer who was born a century ago. The band somberly played "In My Solitude," which many regard as a "great jazz standard."

"Everybody is playing Duke these days, jazz, pop, hip-hop. We jazz musicians are greatly indebted to him," Rollins said.

Audiences also listened to "B.G.," a lively uptempo, staccato beat that showed where hip-hop grew out of jazz. People started



Sonny Rollins

clapping their hands as Rollins turned to polkastrate and second member's solo with the snap of a hand that the younger band members mimicked.

The last jazz immortal, as he has been hailed by many, found his roots in jazz from the musical influence in his family. Born Sept. 7, 1930, Rollins was the son of West Indian immigrants in Harlem. He started out playing the piano, but once he saw a saxophone at his uncle's house, he became committed to learning the instrument.

Eventually he began to master the sax under the mentorship of jazz great Thelonious Monk, and

gained notoriety when he played on the albums of Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, Bud Powell, and Duke Ellington, all before he was 20 years old.

By the 1950s, Rollins was acknowledged as a jazz prodigy among the younger generation of musicians coming up. Davis affirmed this status in his memoirs when he wrote that Rollins was a "brave, almost a god to a lot of younger musicians. Some thought he was playing the saxophone on the level of Charlie Parker. I know one thing — he was close. It was an aggressive, innovative player who always had fresh musical

ideas."

Rollins released his first album, "Work Time," in December 1955. He would follow this project with 49 more albums to date.

In the middle of his career, Rollins took a three-year break in the early 1960s, in which legend had it that he would practice under the Williamsburg Bridge. He came back to reclaim his status two more times, last ever since 1992 he has not taken a musical break.

Rollins continues to tour with The Sonny Rollins Band — already working on another stimulating nail a century.



Left Eye calls out T-Boz and Chilli to a showdown

Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes wrote a letter to the editors of "Entertainment Weekly" responding to the Nov. 5 article stating that TLC was having turmoil among the members.

Lopes spoke against statements by Tionne Watkins (T-Boz) and Rozonda Thomas (Chilli) that "she does not respect the whole group" and that "Left Eye is only concerned with Left Eye." Lopes also wrote she never wanted to tour, and her absence from the MTV's Total Request Live was her way of protesting the tour.

The letter, which will run in the Nov. 28 issue, also states, "I challenge Thomas' Player Watkins and Rozonda Thomas' Hate" to an album entitled "The Challenge." A 3-CD set that contains three solo albums. Each will be due to the record label by Oct. 1, 2000.

The letter states, "I also challenge (producer, co-wrote Waterfalls and various selections on the latest album) Dallas 'The Manipulator' Austin to produce all of the material and do it at a fraction of his normal rate. As I think about it, I'm sure LaFace (the group's records label) would not mind throwing in a \$1.5 million dollar prize for the winner."

As of press time, no responses from the group or record label had been issued.

In other TLC news, Chilli completed a small role in a Nick eldson film starring Chevy Chase called "Snow Day." It was her second film since the group's appearance in "House Party 3."

"Snow Day" is the story of a group of students who steal a snow plow to stop their update New York school from opening.

Artists come to Clive Davis's defense

Arista Records CEO and founder Clive Davis will not leave his post without making some noise.

BMG Entertainment, which owns Arista, wants Davis to retire when his contract expires on June 30, 2000. BMG cited a corporate policy requiring executives to retire at 60 years old. Rumors are stating that BMG plans to buy the 50 percent of the Arista imprint LaFace Records it does not currently own and put LaFace Records co-founder Antonio "L.A." Reid in the CEO position.

But industry talk has it that the company is upset with Davis over the failure of Puff Daddy's latest project, "Forever," with disappointing sales compared to his multi-platinum debut album "The Love Train," 66, and he does not plan to retire.

Arista has enjoyed the success of many of its artists, including TLC, Aretha Franklin, Usher, Santana, Whitney Houston, and Monica.

Many of them talked to newspapers in support of Davis. Houston said in a Los Angeles Times interview that "Clive has always been known as the man who can pick the hits; that's his expertise, and you can't take away from him. He knows what song I'm gonna kill, the way a designer knows what dress is right for a person."

Songwriter Diane Warren said in a Los Angeles Times interview, "What is it with these corporations? Why would a company drive out a guy who created everything that the label stands for — and at the very moment when he's at his peak?"

"Clive Davis is Arista Records," she said.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

BROOKLYN, NY — The Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) presents The Roots' Kuba Overport, PM Dawn, and Vernon Reid, 7:30 p.m. (718) 636-4194.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents opera singer Samuel Ramey, 3 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

NEW YORK — Mid-American Productions presents bassist Eric Levinson at the Wall Recital Hall located inside Carnegie Hall, 8 p.m. (212) 239-4698.

Shona Tucker to perform one-woman show at Ramapo

MAHWAH — "The Oral Tradition," a one-woman show inspired by the traditional African-American story, "The People Who Could Fly," will be presented at Ramapo College of New Jersey Thursday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Alder Theater.

Originally presented at the New York Theater Workshop and scheduled to be performed at the Arena State's "Old Vic" at the Southhampton, the show is directed by Maria Vall Guevara.

In this comic and astonishing tour de force, Tucker portrays a myriad of characters, from the Reverend Rudolph W. Smith to the proprietor of the Busy Bee Hair Salon in Lagos, Nigeria. The story is an ironic look at truth about what it means to seek one's home, examine the

accepted conventional wisdom about one's black African roots, it is a coming of age story that is surprising, inventive, comic, and deeply touching.

The show's producer, Shona Tucker, a Schomburg Fellow at Ramapo College for the second time, previously directed "Hot L Baltimore" at Ramapo. This past year she completed a year-long study at New York University's Graduate Acting Department's Directing Program. She was awarded an Academic Scholar Grant at Miami University of Ohio and was a Fulbright Scholar for research studies in Nigeria.

As an actress, she has performed on stages across the United States and in several countries. Most recently she appeared in "Tartuffe" at the American



Shona Tucker

Courtesy of Ramapo College

Conservatory Theater in San Francisco and "Oak and Ivy" at the Arena Stage.

Her other productions have included "Henry IV" at the Joseph Papp Public Theater, the 1991 Obie-winning "A Light Shining in Buckinghamshire" at the New York Theater Workshop, "From the Mississippi Delta" at Circle in the Square, and "Marvin's Room" at Playwrights Horizon.

Her television and film credits include "Third Watch," "Trinity," "Boys on the Side," "Alice," "One Life to Live," "New York Undercover," and "Law and Order."

She received her Bachelor's of Science from Northwestern University and her Master's in Fine Arts at New York University. For information, call (201) 684-7844.

The State presents Porgy & Bess



The State Theater in New Brunswick will present the acclaimed play, "The Car showing 'Porgy and Bess'" Saturday, December 4. The play is directed by Will Robinson and presented as a living art, the state part of a national tour of the play. For more information, telephone (732) 246-7469.

Public service film brings national focus to homeless situation



Filmmaker Ken Kimmelman

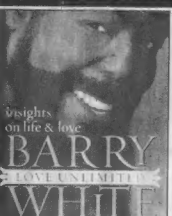
"What Does A Person Deserve?" is a new public service film by Emmy Award winning filmmaker Ken Kimmelman to bring national focus to the people who suffer from homelessness and hunger.

The film, first broadcast on the Bravo Network, and worldwide via NBC satellite, will be airing on WPX, WNBC, and WLNY. It is currently playing at Multiplex Theater in Hazlet. The film it opened at the United Nations Association Film Festival at Stanford University.

The film deals with the question first posed by poet and philosopher Eli Siegel, founder of the Aesthetic Institute. Through moving black-and-white photography, these images are set to music composed by Edward Green.

"I hope this film really gets into the hearts and minds of the American people unforgettably. My purpose is to help end homelessness and hunger," said Kimmelman.

For the Bookshelves of African Americans



Love Unlimited: Insights on Life and Love by Barry White with Marc Eliot (Broadway Books)

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Middlesex County Crossroads of History by Gary Karasik and Anna M. Aschenberg

This coffee table reference book chronicles historic details centered on Middlesex County — for instance the first black man to vote in the United States was Thomas Mundy Petersen following the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment, according to the highly illustrated book. A renaissance man, Paul Robeson is featured, while detailing his accomplishments. A colorful mural of John Henry Lloyd a deft shortstop in the Negro League adds to the images along with the award winning Crossroads Theater.

24 Reasons Why African Americans Suffer by Jimmy Dumas (African Images)

How could a population with almost 40 million people, 600 billion dollars, two million college graduates, 106 Black colleges, and 55,000 churches with assets of 50 billion dollars who annually raise three billion dollars suffer so much? This book will enlighten black readers on why we suffer.

Lay This Body Down by Gregory A. Freeman (Lawrence Hill Books)

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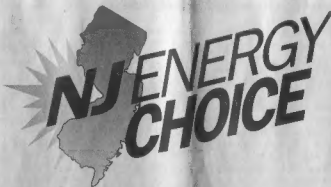
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Pacers' Harrington grows up

What a difference a year makes. In 1998, Al Harrington was the man on the high school basketball scene. The 6-9 St. Patrick's High School product was selected to play in the prestigious McDonald's All-American Game, was named the USA Today National High School Player of the Year, and was recruited by virtually every college in the country. After committing to Seton Hall (just imagine if the Pirates had Harrington), Harrington decided against playing for free and decided and became just the second player from New Jersey (Englewood's Bill Willoughby was the first) to jump directly from the prep ranks to the NBA.



Greg Moore

After singing a multi-million dollar contract, Harrington quickly found out that he was no longer in high school anymore. In addition to being stronger, quicker, and more experienced, he discovered that his NBA peers were far more advanced than he in two other areas—mental and physical preparation. As a result, Harrington spent much of last season languishing on the end of the bench of a veteran-dominated team which was making a serious push for an NBA title.

Although he didn't get much light, Harrington developed a greater appreciation for the importance of a solid work ethic from renowned workers like Reggie Miller, Dale and Antonio Davis, Chris Mullin and head coach Larry Bird. So he sat, watched and absorbed and concluded the year with paltry season averages of 2.1 points and 1.9 rebounds per game.

This year is another story. Rededicating himself to the game, this summer Harrington worked hard on his game, dominated the Jersey Shore Basketball League, and arrived at the Pacers training camp with a more polished game, and more focused attitude. Thus far this season, Harrington is making a strong case for NBA sixth man of the year by averaging 13.2 points, five boards and two assists off the bench. His season highlights are an 18 point five rebound performance against the Houston Rockets, and a career high 19 points against the Orlando Magic. The Pacers won both games. Expect to see much more Harrington highlights on ESPN Sportcenter as this kid continues to mature.

Plainfield's Jason Williams

Did you get a chance to see Plainfield's Jason Williams who is currently Duke's starting point guard. Although he was somewhat shaky in his first two games against Stanford and Connecticut, he did exhibit the skills which made him one of the most coveted high school players in America. As he gains more experience, don't be surprised if Williams plays a starring role in a Duke run for the NCAA tournament.

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Sports legends and celebrities saute former Sen. Bill Bradley

NEW YORK — At one of the most unique campaign events ever, Bill Bradley returned to Madison Square Garden recently where friends and supporters paid tribute and showed their support of his bid for president.

Bradley was surrounded by former New York Knicks teammates Willis Reed, Walt Frazier, Earl Monroe and Dave DeBusschere as well as sports legends Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Walton, Nate Archibald, Julius Erving, New York Liberty star Rebecca Lobo, R&B sensation Usher and actor Harvey Keitel, who have pledged their allegiance to the Bradley campaign.

Complete with cheerleaders, highlight film and fans waving hand-made signs of support, the Bradley for President "Back in the Garden" fund-raiser drew a crowd of over 7,500. Former opponents like Oscar Robertson and Bill Russell offered testimonies about Bradley's on-and off-the-court prowess, and the candidate himself reiterated his goals of racial unity, health care for all Americans and combating poverty among children.

"I think Bill [Bradley] will make an excellent president," said State Senator Ronald L. Rice. "I've been working with him over the last 18 years or so, and I'm familiar with his skills and abilities to bring balance. Besides, it's been a long time since we've had a president from New Jersey."

While much of the excitement was fueled by the presence of some of the world's greatest athletes and memories of their glory days, they focused on Bradley's character and leadership more than his athleticism.

Willis Reed, Nets executive and former NBA league leader, said, "I've known Bill since 1964 when we competed together in the Olympic trials. He is a genuine person who judges people by their character and their deeds rather than the color of their skin. Bill is one of the hardest working, most intelligent men I know. I like him as president because he's been that way since 1964. It's not a persona he has put on to run for president."



Bill Bradley (left) gets a hello hug from former teammate Willis Reed.

Life at Notre Dame tough for black football players

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Safety Deke Cooper doesn't stand out among the members of Notre Dame's football team, most of whom are black.

It's different in his classes, where he's usually the only black student — a fact that came as a shock when the junior from Evansville first arrived on campus.

Notre Dame officials acknowledge the unique feeling black students feel on an overwhelmingly white campus, and say they have taken steps to ease it.

Only three percent of Notre Dame's more than 10,000 students are black. Of 83 players profiled in Notre Dame's 1999 football media guide, 48 are black, or 58 percent.

Besides the winning tradition, national TV exposure and high number of alumni in the NFL, one of the reasons black players choose Notre Dame is its graduation rate. In a 1998 report by the NCAA, using data for athletes who enrolled from 1988 through 1991, Notre Dame's graduation rate for black athletes was 82 percent, ranking the school third behind Duke and Stanford.

Adjustment to campus life can especially be hard on black football players because of the strict rules they face. Five players — all of them black — have left the team since the Aug. 7 opening of practice.

Only one, tailback Darcey Levy, left voluntarily, dissatisfied with his playing time. Cornerback Brock Williams was suspended after pleading guilty to alcohol-related charges in the off-season and accumulating too many campus parking tickets. Third-string quarterback Eric Chapell was kicked off amid allegations that he sold complimentary tickets to Cornerback Les Lafayette. Les Lafayette is spending the semester concentrating on academics. Tailback Tony Dawy was suspended for violating the school's rules governing visitation by the opposite sex in dorms.

"The athletes are looked at something like an icon. There's a lot of responsibility in that," said Iris Outlaw, director of Notre Dame's Office of Multicultural Affairs. "Even when they don't want to be visible, they are. They are held to a higher standard."

Outlaw said her office tries to foster a sense of community for those who might feel displaced. For students who aren't Catholic, an attempt is made to find churches that will transport students for Sunday worship.

Football coach Bob Davie has encouraged guests to accompany their sons on recruiting trips so they get an idea of what Notre Dame is like. Davie also has relied on the recommendation of faculty before offering scholarships.

The team also has a "big brother" plan in which freshmen are assigned upperclassmen to counsel them.

"I think Notre Dame is a place — and our players say it all the time — that is without color," Davie said. "It's hard on white players, it's hard on black players, it's hard on players from California, it's hard on players from Chicago. It's hard on everybody."

Cooper was held out of spring practice after his sophomore season because his grades were low. "That's what makes the place so special," he said. "They're not just going to let you slide by the system."

Cooper said he doesn't feel as out of place on campus as he once did, but he has never completely gotten used to the environment. But he says he still would have chosen Notre Dame if he had known what to expect.

"I'm looking out for my future," he said. "I see Notre Dame as the best place for me, and I'm not going to let a color issue stop me."

The IBL is the brainchild of Arthur Cipriani, who became co-director of National Gas Clearing House in 1985. In 1996 he began startup operations for the IBL.

New league eyes NBA as partner

By David Ginsburg

BALTIMORE (AP) — Oscar Robertson, Ralph Sampson and Bernie Bickerstaff were delighted to join. Even Cal Ripken bought into the idea.

The new International Basketball League has been successful in attracting the money and services of several notable sports figures. Gaining the support of the American public might be more difficult, yet IBL officials are confident their low-budget minor league is destined to flourish.

The eight-team IBL opens its inaugural 64-game season Friday night, when referees toss up the league's signature black basketball in Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Las Vegas. New Mexico, Richmond, Va., San Diego and Trenton, N.J. open on the road.

The IBL has no intention of competing with the NBA. Its goal is to be born in the Continental Basketball Association, which for years has been the NBA's informal minor league.

"Our long-range goal is to expand internationally and to eventually become a great minor league system affiliated with the NBA," Traflet said. "We would love to provide them with the talent they want, not just with players but with referees, general managers, coaches and even trainers."

That is not, however, a goal of the NBA, at least in the short-term.

"We wish the IBL very well for their season," Russ Granik, NBA deputy commissioner, said. "Our plan this year, however, is to continue our relationship with the CBA."

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